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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

ACCEPT STATE FUNDS UNDER CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 63 (MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE FUND)

SUBJECT

The California Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA) will award the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Proposition 63 funding in the amount not to exceed \$50,000 to fund one full-time equivalent (FTE) position for the Veteran System Navigator Program for mental health outreach activities. The grant covers the period of October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Accept the Proposition 63 funds in the amount not to exceed \$50,000.
2. Authorize the Director of Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) to use the funds for mental health outreach activities.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose is to administer the implementation of the Veteran System Navigators. System Navigators for Veterans is a program established in 2009 that assists Veterans transitioning from military to civilian life (combat to community), including Veterans having difficulty with re-integration which require assistance with employment, education, socialization, children and family issues, substance abuse, domestic violence and homelessness. This program works with Veterans and their families to help them identify their needs, develop an action plan, access knowledgeable

service providers, and join a support network.

Board approval is required to accept grant funds from CDVA.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support the County's Strategic Goal 3: Integrated Services Delivery, to maximize the opportunities to measurably improve client and community outcomes and leverage resources through the continuous integration of health, community, and public safety services and the mission of this Department.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The recommended actions will have no impact on net county cost. The program is fully financed by California Proposition 63 funds and included in the Department's annual budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

California Proposition 63 (now known as the Mental Health Services ACT or MHSA), passed in 2004, provides increased funding for personnel and other resources to support County mental health programs. DMVA initiated action to obtain a portion of those monies from CDVA to provide services to returning combat veterans.

Following DMVA's efforts, the CDVA awarded \$60,000 to DMVA on 09/23/09 to fund one FTE position for the Veteran System Navigator Program which is automatically renewed for successive Fiscal Years. Concurrent with this funding, one additional FTE position was funded by the Chief Executive Office to start the program and included in the FY 2009-2010 Budget. CDVA continued Proposition 63 funding for subsequent years (October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2013) in the amount not to exceed \$60,000 each year. For period covering October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014, the Department submitted an application and will be awarded the amount not to exceed \$50,000. Payment will be made in accordance with the MOU between DMVA and CDVA which memorializes the use of the funds.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will enhance current services and ensure continuation of the Department's mental health outreach activities.

CONCLUSION

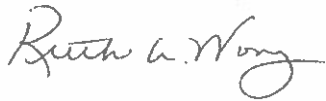
Upon approval of this request, please instruct the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors to send

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the original Board letter as soon as possible to:

Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
Attention: Ruth A. Wong, Acting Director
2615 S. Grand Avenue, Room 100
Los Angeles, California 90007

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ruth A. Wong".

RUTH A. WONG
Acting Director

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c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel
Chief Executive Officer